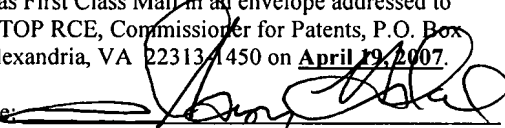
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Preliminary Amendment and Response to Office Action is submitted in connection with a Request for Continuing Examination in the above-entitled patent application. The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Final Official Action mailed on October 19, 2006. The deadline for reply to the Final Official Action was January 19, 2007. Thus, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0540 in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity, thus extending the period for response to the Final Office Action to April 19, 2007. A duplicate of this page is enclosed. Accordingly this Response is timely submitted.

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